

**IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

\_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

PRESENT: Supervisors

ABSENT:

**RESOLUTION NO.  
RESOLUTION HONORING KEVIN KESTER AS THE 2013  
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY CATTLEMAN OF THE YEAR**

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

**WHEREAS**, on July 18, 2013, the San Luis Obispo County Cattlemen's Association will honor Kevin Kester as its 2013 Cattleman of the Year in recognition of the contributions he has made to the cattle industry; and

**WHEREAS**, Kester was born and raised on a ranch in the Parkfield area, where he has been operating the family ranch for the past 25 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Kester graduated from Cal Poly, he and his wife of 30 years, June Kester, started an Angus based commercial cow herd focusing on top genetics that have resulted in the Kesters being recognized as top local breeders at the Mid State Fair and the Salinas Valley Fairs; and

**WHEREAS**, Kester won one of the first carcass contests with a steer from the family ranch. Their children, Kayleen, Kody and now Kara have all gone through the 4H and FFA programs and have shown numerous steers and replacement heifers here at the fair, as well as other members showing Kester steers and heifers at both Mid State Fair and King City Fair; and

**WHEREAS**, a few years ago the Kesters diversified their ranching operation by putting in a vineyard; and

**WHEREAS**, Kester served on the County Cattlemen's Board of Directors and served as President of the County Cattlemen's Association, President of the California Cattlemen's Association for two years; is currently serving on the State Cattlemen's Board of Directors, CCA Chair of Wildlife Management Committee; Vice Chair of the State Political Action Committee; currently serving on the National Cattlemen's Beef Association Board of Directors, is immediate past chair of the NCBA Joint International Markets Committee, NCBA chair of Tax and Credit Committee; and on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee for the US Meat Export Federation which has 19 offices around the world. He is a current member of the San Luis Obispo and Monterey County Farm Bureaus; a founding board member of the Fair's Heritage Foundation and past chair of the board. Kester served on the Shandon School Board and is a member of both the Paso Robles Trailriders and the Rancheros Vistadores; and

**WHEREAS**, Kester credit's the team of his wife June and their three children for being at home taking care of the ranch when he is traveling to meetings and representing the cattle industry in Washington, D.C.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cattlemen's Association of San Luis Obispo County acknowledges his many accomplishments, dedication and commitment to the ever changing industry and his outstanding contributions to the beef industry as well as his community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors, County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, does hereby honor Kevin Kester on being selected by the San Luis Obispo County Cattlemen as the 2013 Cattleman of the Year.

Upon motion of Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted

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Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk